**Everdon Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Full Meeting of the Parish Council**

### Held on 13th December 2021 at 6:30pm in the Village Hall, High Street, Everdon.

**Present**:

Councillors: Kevin Nichols (Chairman), Peter Cooper, Peter Bowman, Ron Flounders, Will Willits, Keith Wilkins and David Osborne.

In attendance: Ruth Scott (Clerk/RFO) and Unitary Councillor Rupert Frost (Part).

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|  | The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. |
|  | **Requests for dispensation** - none. |
|  | Public Open Forum: Councillor Rupert Frost attended part of the meeting and fed back on the recent full council meeting. He will continue to investigate if West Northamptonshire Council can financially support Everdon Parish Council with converting the street lighting to LED. He will also look into the correct email address for ACV applications. |
|  | It was RESOLVED to approve the absence of Councillor Shaen Linfoot (Health). |
|  | **Declarations of Interest** – Councillors Bowman, Cooper and Flounders declared an interest in Item 11 WND/2021/0817 and it was agreed they would not take part in any vote. |
|  | It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8th November 2021. |
|  | **Finance**  It was RESOLVED to approve the following:   1. November 2021 Bank reconciliation 2. November 2021 Receipts & Payments 3. Payments listed in Addendum A. 4. Council was extremely happy with the Clerk’s performance during the probationary period and a salary increase was unanimously agreed, effective from 1st December 2021 to 31st March. 5. To send the Clerk on the NCALC’s “End of Year Accounts” training. 6. To accept the Finance Committee’s Budget proposal for 2022/23. The precept was increased by 1% and the demand is £14,228. |
|  | LED Lighting: It was agreed to delay the LED Lighting Project until we have received definitive quotes from 3 suppliers. |
|  | Benches: It was RESOLVED to purchase two Glasdon “Lowther” recycled benches for delivery in the new financial year.  **ACTION:** The Clerk is to place the order for the benches from Glasdon. |
|  | Councillor Linfoot, Everdon Parish Council’s Police Representative, had circulated a presentation from Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service. There have been several thefts from vehicles and outbuildings in the village recently. Notices warning residents had been posted on the website and Community Facebook page. |
|  | **Planning: To discuss current Planning Applications.**  Application No: WND/2021/0718 Description: Removal of two apple trees and works to another tree in a conservation area. Location: The Old Smithy, High Street, Everdon. Comment: No objections were raised.  Application No.: WND/2021/0735  Description: Works to a tree in a conservation area.  Location: The Old Rectory, High Street, Everdon.  Comment: No objections were raised.  Application No.: WND/2021/0788  Description: Works to a tree in a conservation area.  Location: Redd Lyon Cottage, Well Lane, Everdon.  Comment: No objections were raised.  Application No.: WND/2021/0789  Description: Works to a tree in a conservation area.  Location: The Bungalow, Well Lane, Everdon.  Comment: No objections were raised.  Application No: WND/2021/0817  Description: Removal of two trees within a conservation area.  Location: 1 Long Row Cottages, Everdon.  Comment: No objections were raised, subject to confirmation that the work is a result of a structural engineer’s report. |
|  | **Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Update:** The Chairman had approached other village community groups and had received initial positive feedback the Village Hall Committee and the Outdoor Learning Centre for the use of its facilities, but no response from any other organisations.  **ACTION:** A further update will be provided at February’s meeting. The Clerk is to look at the cost of commemorative mugs and the Chairman will investigate the Jubilee Beacons Project. |
|  | The application from the Parish Council for The Plough to become an Asset of Community Value was submitted in November and a response is due by 19th January 2022, although there has been no acknowledgment of receipt.  **ACTION**: Councillor Frost will confirm the email address for the Community Assets team so the Clerk to confirm receipt of application.  Redundant signage for The Plough has been removed from the village. |
|  | It was RESOLVED to send an email commenting on the changes to the Community Fund arrangements. |
|  | Highways Update: Preston Capes Road is closed on the 16th December from 9.30-3.00pm. A notice has been placed on the website. |
|  | The Chairman had circulated some notes providing feedback on the Town and Parish Council’s Forum. |
|  | Date of next meeting – The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6:30pm on Monday 10th January 2022. The meeting closed at 7.25pm. |

**Addendum A: November Payments (Item7.3)**

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| **Payee** | **Amount** | **Reason for payment** | **Method** | **Powers** |
| November Payroll | £ 411.32 | R. Scott’s Salary and expenses | BACS | LGA1972 s112 |
| Luke Costello | £220.00 | Mowing Inv. 1457 | BACS | HA1980 s96(4) |
| NCALC | £44.00 | Training: Off to a Flying Start Inv. 1663 | BACS | LGA 1972 s111 |